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Kouji MATSUO	)	Group Art Unit: 2814
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Application No.: 10/660,559	)	Examiner: Weiss, Howard
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Filed: September 12, 2003	)	
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND	)	Confirmation No.: 6404
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING	)	
THE SAME	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") supplements the IDS filed on September 12, 2003 and is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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from the Japanese Patent Office citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed. Applicant does not necessarily endorse the conclusions set forth in the Notification. A copy of the Notification is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

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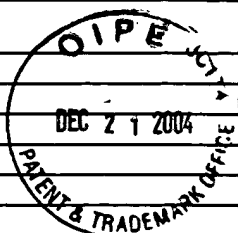
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